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Re: Emergency Support Function (ESF) #9 - Request for Information - Boat Availability

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IOC staff,

USGS has 3-4 boats at the Wetland Aquatic Research Center in Lafayette, LA. Additional boats may be available from Water Science Centers east of the Mississippi River. The boats that USGS has in Texas likely do not meet the requested criteria and are needed to support mission operations in the state.

USGS does not have boat operators trained for swiftwater rescue operations.

USGS does not have the requested PPE.

If you need additional information or have questions, please contact:

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On Sun, Aug 27, 2017 at 3:25 PM, DOI, WatchOffice <doi_watch_office@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

On Behalf Of the Director, Office of Emergency Management (OEM):

The catastrophic flooding in the Harvey-impacted area is causing the need for additional support to Search and Rescue activities. The Department has been asked to ensure all available nationwide assets be offered up to FEMA to address the need. The request below should receive the highest priority for consideration.

The National Park Service (NPS) representative to the Federal Search and Rescue Coordination Group (FSARCG) is requesting that DOI Bureaus/Offices (excluding NPS) provide a list of available swiftwater boats (and operators) that would be available to assist with search and rescue operations regarding Tropical Storm Harvey. This request includes all available assets, not just the assets located in proximity to Harvey's impact area. The current needs are as follows:

- Swiftwater boats - zodiacs and flatwater river boats
- Boat operators paired with those boats ahead of time, experienced in swiftwater or strong current
- Operators prepared to go 72 hours unsupported - need gas, fresh water, food etc.
- PPE to include helmet, PFD and dry suits with booties as the water contains a lot of HAZMAT and there is a need to avoid excessive contact with it.

The Interior Operations Center (IOC) is requesting that DOI Bureau/Office Emergency Management Coordinators provide a point of contact (POC) to the IOC who can assist the NPS representative to the FSARCG with identifying these assets for possible deployment in the near future.

Please provide to the IOC the name, email address, and contact number for your Bureau/Office POC by 12:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, August 28. Any gaps will be discussed on Monday's EMC call. The POC will then be provided to the NPS representative to the FSARCG who will share a Google sheet with the POC where the POC can provide the available assets.

Thank you for your assistance, and please contact the IOC if you have any questions.

Distribution:

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Respectfully,

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